

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The invention comprises a~~ A stump grubber (10, 50), [[and]] a method of ~~utilising it~~ utilizing the stump grubber (10, 50) for the grubbing of stumps (38) and a method for preventing fungus disease such as root rot. Attached on the frame (14, 54) of the stump grubber are ~~a coupling means~~ (13, 53) for coupling the stump grubber to a work machine (12, 52) and ~~a gripper gripping means~~ (32, 34, 36, 70) for gripping the stump (38) and a blade (18, 58) arranged to cut downwards to sever the roots (46) around the stump (38). The ~~gripper gripping means~~ (32, 34, 36, 70) ~~comprise~~ includes no less than four spikes or blades (32, 34, 36, 71–75) arranged to penetrate into the stump (38). Also supported on the frame (14, 54) are power ~~devices means~~ (24, 56), such as a hydraulic cylinder for moving the ~~gripper gripping means~~ (32, 34, 36, 70) and the cutting blade (18, 58) in a vertical direction relative to each other to lift the stump (38) from the ground (44).